

REMARKS

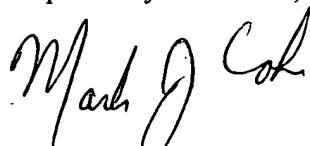
The Office Action dated November 28, 2003 alleges that applicants did not comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 for amendments to claims. More specifically, it alleges that the status identifiers, "Previously Amended" and "Previously Added", in the claims in the Preliminary Amendment were not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003. Applicants are resubmitting the amendment to the claims to correct this error.

This amendment to the claims is identical to that which was presented in the Preliminary Amendment dated August 12, 2003, except for the status identifiers prior to certain claims. This amendment amends the status identifiers in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003. Applicants incorporate herein by reference the Remarks that were provided in the aforementioned Preliminary Amendment.

This amendment to the status identifiers overcomes the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Wherefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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